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## Our Birds in August and September.

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The autumn migration of certain species among the birds presents some inexplicable facts to the writer. He is unable to ascertain why the Cowbird, Red-winged Blackbird and Purple Grackle should leave even before the end of summer. They, being among the early spring arrivals, should naturally depart later, when most of the first spring migrants do. Another curious thing is the total absence of the Spotted Sandpiper from his summer haunts along the shores of lakes before he really migrates south. I have found this species near rivers long after leaving the lakes.

Certain species are absent from this locality for a considerable period and then reappear—some seldom and others often. Among the former are the Redstart, Phoebe, Nighthawk and Chickadee; among the latter is the Towhee. The writer is equally unable to account for the strange movements of these species.

As the season of migration advances, the various species that were abundant during summer begin to appear irregularly. This fact leads the writer to surmise that most of the species migrate gradually and in small numbers, leaving gaps in their distribution. Even those that migrate in large flocks do not disappear altogether. Individuals may be seen here and there for several days after the main body has departed.

Birds seen every day:

Song Sparrow

Chipping Sparrow

Blue Jay

Birds not seen on any day:

Crested Flycatcher

Scarlet Tanager

Dickcissel

Yellow Warbler

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

Whip-poor-will

Phoebe

Nighthawk

Bobolink

Bobwhite

Birds seen every day except on the dates after their names :

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| Yellow-billed Cuckoo, 24, 28, 31. Sept. 4, 6, 8, 14, 18, 24 to 29.   | Flicker, 14, 23. Sept. 5, 6, 8, 14, 15, 18, 23, 24, 27, 28, 30.                               |
| Red-headed Woodpecker, Sep. 12 to 16, 18, 20, 21, 23 to 30.  | Meadowlark, 14, 15, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29. Sept. 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 12, 14, 16 to 20, 22.            |
| Chimney Swift, 24, 29. Sept. 4, 7 to 11, 13 to 17, 19 to 27, 29, 30.                                       | Warbling Vireo, 14, 15, 20, 21, 24, 26. Sept. 3, 4, 9, 16 to 30.                              |
| Wood Pewee, Sept. 12 to 17, 19 to 22, 24 to 30.  | Purple Grackle, 14. Sept. 5, 9 to 13, 15 to 30.   |
| Baltimore Oriole, Sept. 1, 2, 4 to 30.   | Barn Swallow, 14, 17, 19, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29. Sept. 4, 6 to 30.                               |
| Goldfinch, 21.   | Catbird, 14, 28. Sept. 14, 23, 24, 26 to 30.  |
| Field Sparrow, 23, 28. Sept. 4, 5, 6, 9, 11 to 17, 21, 22, 23, 25 to 30.                                   | Robin, Sept. 10, 14, 16, 17, 18, 28.  |
| Indigo Bird, 21, 27, 28, 30. Sept. 2, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 26 to 30.   | House Wren, 20, 23 to 26, 28. Sept. 3, 5, 10, 13, 14, 16, 18, 19, 21, 22, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30. |
| Cedarbird, 14 to 17, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26 to 28, 30. Sept. 6, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 18, 21 23 to 30.            | Mourning Dove, 16, 21, 24. Sept. 2, 3, 6, 10, 12 to 21, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30.               |
| Brown Thrasher, 14, 27, 30. Sept. 9, 24, 30.   | White-breasted Nuthatch, 14, 30. Sept. 3, 5, 6, 13, 14, 16, 20, 22, 23, 26 to 30.             |
| Belted Kingfisher, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 22, 24, 30, 31. Sept. 4, 6, 7, 8, 11, 13 to 17, 19, 24, 26, 29, 30. | Downy Woodpecker, 14, 15 to 18, 21, 22. Sept. 1, 2, 4, 8, 13, 15, 17, 18, 21, 26, 28, 30.     |
| Kingbird, 27. Sept. 2 to 30.   |   |
| Crow, 14, 24. Sept. 6, 13, 16.   |   |

Birds seen on the dates after their names :

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| Screech Owl, 18, 20, 22, 23, 26, 28, 30. Sept. 2, 6, 7, 8. | Swamp Sparrow, 15, 16, 18, 21, 23. Sept. 3.            |
| Cowbird, 14, 15, 16, 17.                                   | Spotted Sandpiper, 22, 27.                             |
| Orchard Oriole, 17, 19, 22, 24, 29, 31. Sept. 1.           | Chickadee, 17, 27, 31. Sept. 12.                       |
| Yellow-throated Vireo, 18, 19, 27. Sept. 17.               | Eave Swallow, 17, 19. Sept. 1.                         |
| Cardinal, 22.  | Hermit Thrush, 29. Sept. 7, 9, 10, 12, 15, 16, 24, 29. |
| Bluebird, 21, 22, 27. Sept. 3, 7, 10, 12, 17, 26, 28.      | Least Flycatcher, 27. Sept. 3, 10.                     |
| Long-billed Marsh Wren, Sept. 7.                           | Purple Martin, 14 to 27, 19, 22, 24, 28. Sept. 7.      |

Birds seen on the dates after their names :

Alder Flycatcher, 26.	Loggerhead Shrike, Sept. 5.
White - crowned Sparrow, Sept. 24, 25, 28.	Killdeer, 22. Sept. 6, 16, 20, 21, 22, 24, 26, 27, 29.
Nashville Warbler, Sept. 25.	Redstart, 29. Sept. 20.
Golden - crowned Kinglet, Sept. 25 to 30.	Yellowlegs, 14, 19, 21, 22, 28. Sept. 2, 5, 12 to 17, 19, 21, 23.
White - throated Sparrow, Sept. 28, 29, 30.	Black-billed Cuckoo, 19, 27, 30. Sept. 10, 29.
Hummingbird, 15, 21, 22, 26. Sept. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11.	Tree Swallow, Sept. 1.
Red-winged Blackbird, 25.	Hell Diver, Sept. 8, 21.
Vesper Sparrow, 17, 18, 19, 28. Sept. 3.	Hairy Woodpecker, Sept. 5.
Red-eyed Vireo, 17, 20, 23. Sept. 2, 17.	Yellow Palm Warbler, Sept. 15, 29.
Towhee, 17, 20. Sept. 2.	Myrtle Warbler, Sept. 25, 29, 30.
Maryland Yellowthroat, 20, 26. Sept. 2, 4, 5, 6, 11, 16, 17, 20.	Brown Creeper, Sept. 25.
	Snowbird, Sept. 26 to 30.
	Red-breasted Nuthatch, Sept. 28, 29.

Number of species seen each day :

Aug. 14, 18.	Sept. 7, 27.
" 15, 26.	" 8, 21.
" 16, 27.	" 9, 16.
" 17, 30.	" 10, 22.
" 18, 29.	" 11, 20.
" 19, 31.	" 12, 20.
" 20, 27.	" 13, 12.
" 21, 25.	" 14, 12.
" 22, 32.	" 15, 15.
" 23, 25.	" 16, 13.
" 24, 19.	" 17, 18.
" 25, 25.	" 18, 12.
" 26, 25.	" 19, 16.
" 27, 25.	" 20, 17.
" 28, 23.	" 21, 14.
" 29, 25.	" 22, 17.
" 30, 22.	" 23, 15.
" 31, 22.	" 24, 15.
Sept. 1, 28	" 25, 19.
" 2, 27.	" 26, 12.
" 3, 26.	" 27, 14.
" 4, 20.	" 28, 14.
" 5, 24.	" 29, 16.
" 6, 20.	" 30, 12.

Total number of species seen, 65.